

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2 and 15 have cancelled. Claims 1, 3, and 11 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-29 are pending and under consideration.

In item 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 2, 3, 9 and 15 contain allowable subject matter. Dependent claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form. The limitations of dependent claim 2 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, and independent claim 2 has been cancelled. The limitations of dependent claim 15 have been incorporated into independent claim 11, and claim 15 has been cancelled. With these claim changes, it is believed that each the independent claims contain subject matter indicated as being allowable by the Examiner.

Because all claims now contain allowable subject matter, it is submitted the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

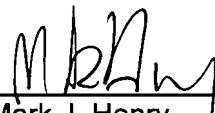
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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